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SKF supplies wheel-end solutions for Mazda

SKF starts deliveries of energy efficient bearing units for a wide range of Mazda's models

Gothenburg, Sweden, 17 December, 2014: SKF has made the first deliveries of its lowfriction hub bearing units to Mazda Motor Corporation. The bearing units will equip the recently launched, all-new Mazda2, which is manufactured at the automaker's new plant in Mexico, as well as other models to be launched during 2015.

Tryggve Sthen, President, SKF Automotive says, "Mazda recognize the role that lowfriction wheel bearings can play in reducing fuel consumption. I am very pleased to see our engineering capabilities contributing to the optimization of Mazda's new model. Our global footprint allows us to work closely with Mazda, both on manufacturing and technical support."

SKF's low-friction hub bearing units are part of the Group's BeyondZero portfolio. They reduce friction by up to 20% compared to a standard unit, contributing to reduced fuel consumption and environmental impact.

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